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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Houston

December 4, 2006

An act to add and repeal Section 66537 of the Government Code, relating to Vasco Road.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 15, as amended, Houston. ~~Vasco~~ Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Vasco Road.

~~Existing law establishes the Department of Transportation in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.~~

Existing law creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a local area planning agency to provide comprehensive regional transportation planning for the San Francisco Bay area counties.

This bill would require the department commission, in cooperation with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, on or before July 1, December 31, 2008, to conduct a study and submit a report to the Legislature a report containing recommendations to expedite approval and facilitate funding of the construction and maintenance of a median barrier on a specified portion of Vasco Road in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The bill would authorize the commission to request funding to cover the cost of that study, as specified, and would also require the commission to establish a policy committee and a technical advisory committee, as specified.

~~The bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the necessity of a special statute.~~

Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 (a) *Vasco Road, linking the residential communities of*
4 *Brentwood, Oakley, and the adjacent unincorporated communities*
5 *in Contra Costa County with the Alameda County employment*
6 *centers in the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin, has*
7 *emerged as an important regional travel corridor.*

8 (b) *Vasco Road is a two-lane county road that has poor*
9 *geometry and sight distance, and is currently used by 22,000*
10 *vehicles per day. Local studies forecast that travel will grow*
11 *substantially on that road in the next few years.*

12 SEC. 2. *Section 66537 is added to the Government Code, to*
13 *read:*

14 66537. (a) *On or before December 31, 2008, the Metropolitan*
15 *Transportation Commission, in cooperation with the Contra Costa*
16 *Transportation Authority and the Alameda County Congestion*
17 *Management Agency, shall conduct a study and submit a report*
18 *to the Legislature that includes recommendations to expedite*
19 *approval and facilitate funding of the construction and*
20 *maintenance of a median barrier on Vasco Road between State*
21 *Highway Route 580 in Alameda County and the intersection of*
22 *Vasco Road and Walnut Creek Boulevard in Contra Costa County.*

1 **(b)** *The commission may request funding from the Alameda*
2 *County Congestion Management Agency and the Contra Costa*
3 *Transportation Authority to cover the costs of the study specified*
4 *in subdivision (a). To the extent that such funding is not provided,*
5 *the commission shall use its existing resources to complete the*
6 *study.*

7 **(c)** *The commission shall establish a policy committee that*
8 *includes representatives from the Contra Costa Transportation*
9 *Authority, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency,*
10 *and the commission.*

11 **(d)** *The commission shall establish a technical advisory*
12 *committee to advise the policy committee specified in subdivision*
13 *(c). The technical advisory committee shall include representatives*
14 *from the county governments of Alameda County and Contra Costa*
15 *County, the city governments of the Cities of Livermore,*
16 *Brentwood, and Oakley, and other entities specified by the*
17 *commission.*

18 **(e)** *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010,*
19 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*
20 *is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.*

21 **SEC. 3.** *If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
22 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
23 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
24 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
25 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

26 ~~**SECTION 1.** On or before July 1, 2008, the Department of~~
27 ~~Transportation shall submit to the Legislature a report containing~~
28 ~~recommendations to expedite approval and facilitate funding of~~
29 ~~the construction and maintenance of a median barrier on Vasco~~
30 ~~Road, between Interstate 580 in Alameda County and the~~
31 ~~intersection of Vasco Road and Walnut Boulevard in Contra Costa~~
32 ~~County.~~

33 ~~**SEC. 2.** The Legislature finds and declares that, because of the~~
34 ~~unique circumstances applicable to only the area of Vasco Road~~
35 ~~specified in Section 1, a statute of general applicability cannot be~~
36 ~~enacted within the meaning of subdivision (b) of Section 16 of~~
37 ~~Article IV of the California Constitution, and, therefore, this special~~
38 ~~statute is necessary.~~